(c) the number of terrorists who have been killed by the army in Jammu and Kashmir recently;

(d) the number of officers and soldiers who have been killed by terrorists during these encounters;

(e) whether Government propose to deploy more army personnel in Jammu and Kashmir keeping in view the rising incidents of terrorism;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Recent reports indicate that a large number of launching camps along the Line of Control (LoC) from Rajouri to Gurez Sector have been activated where militants have been kept in readiness for infiltration.

(c) The Army has killed 560 terrorists in various operations during this year till 27th July, 2005.

(d) 71 officers and soldiers have been killed by terrorists in 2005 as on 25th July.

(e) to (g) The deployment of troops for counter terrorist operations is based on the threat perception and the prevailing situation in the State. It is constantly reviewed and necessary changes effected to counter the envisaged threat.

Purchase of 1965 War Plan by Pakistan

997. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the revelations made by Pakistani politician GoharAyub, son of the late Field Marshal & President of Pakistan Ayub Khan about the purchase by Pakistan of India's military plan of 1965 War between the two countries and other acts of espionage;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether any inquiry into these revelations is proposed to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Subsequent to the publication of media reports regarding disclosures made by Shri Gauhar Ayub Khan, son of Ex Martial Law Administrator of Pakistan General Ayub Khan, that an Indian Army Brigadier sold the Indian Army's 1965 war plans to Pakistan for Rs. 20,000/-, an in-house investigation has been carried out which has highlighted the following:

* Any plan or strategy formulated in the period around 1958 would have held no worthwhile value or relevance at the time of the 1965 operations, especially since the Army's strategy and operational plans underwent major changes consequent to the Indo-China conflict of 1962.

* If Pakistan had access to the Indian operational plans, it would have achieved a major strategic victory on all fronts. Further, the enemy would not have been taken in by surprise when the Indian Army launched its counter offensive towards Lahore.

* As reported in the media, former Pakistan top brass are also not convinced about the claim.

The claims made by Mr. Gauhar Ayub Khan could also be an attempt to sensationalise events, as part of a marketing strategy, for the sale of his forthcoming book, due for release in December, 2005.

Construction of road by MOD in Bihar

998. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to tackle the problem of naxalism, the Defence Ministry are constructing a road in Champaran, Balmiki Nagar, Darbhanga and Forbesganj in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in completion of the said road; and

(c) the details of other steps being taken by Government to tackle the problem of naxalism?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.